CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1. An apparatus dispensing de-icing material comprising:
 - a linearly elongated pole;

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a reservoir storing and selectively releasing said de-icing material via a plurality of holes formed in said reservoir;

a release lever operatively coupled to a gate via an internal cable, said gate prohibiting egress of said de-icing material, said lever opening said gate and allowing egress of said de-icing material through said plurality of holes;

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a lid on said reservoir permitting access to said reservoir; and a hook supported at an end of said pole, said hook rests upon an outer edge

of a gutter, thereby properly aligned said apparatus with the gutter to dispense said

de-icing material into the gutter.

- 2. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said pole has a pair of cushioned hand grips.
- 3. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said internal cable reciprocates about two pulleys positioned on said pole.

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- 4. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said gate is retracted by a connecting cable releasing a connecting harness, said connecting cable coupled with said internal cable and said lever.
- 5 The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said reservoir is attached to said pole via a pair of support arms.
 - 6. The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising a hammer externally affixed to said reservoir to disperse aggregated de-icing material that may form in said reservoir.
 - 7. The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said hammer is activated by a hammer lever affixed to said pole.
- 15 8. The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein said hammer lever is operatively coupled to said hammer via an external control cable.

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9. The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein a return spring is operatively coupled to said external control cable acting to retract said external control cable after release of said hammer lever.

- 10. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said de-icing material comprises calcium chloride.
- 11. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said de-icing material comprises rock salt.
- 12. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said de-icing material comprises a fluid having a non-toxic anti-freezing agent.
- 13. A method of using the apparatus of Claim 1 comprising the steps of dispensing said de-icing material in approximately four foot intervals.

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